

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: GEE MING CHOW
IT DIRECTOR

DATE: AUGUST 5, 2009

FROM: 
WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION:
AUTOMATED LOBBYIST
REGISTRATION SYSTEM

I would like to express my warmest measure of gratitude to two members of your Information Technology Department, namely Grethel Salas and Raimundo Rodulfo, who worked along with Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia, in connection with the implementation of our lobbyist registration/expenditure reporting system. Their diligence in creating a table for expenditures now allows for those categories of expenditures for lobbyists to be entered into our lobbyist database, in order that said information can be stored electronically, searched in the system, and also reported to crystal reports, as well eventually a dashboard for this functionality.

Let me just add that the aforementioned initiative, along with those additions made to our lobbyist registration activity into our database, creating an audit log to be retrieved using crystal reports; along with creation of a lobbyist list which populates all existing reports with links to the repository, will now provide for an automated lobbyist registration process.

In closing, I would like to say that the lobbyist registration system will provide our office with a tool to track lobbyist activities, by reducing the amount of time spent searching for registered lobbyists. Additionally, it will also allow for up to the minute data to be readily available (i.e. wherein board secretary can perform a search during a meeting).

WJF/sd

cc: Patrick Salerno, City Manager
Elizabeth Hernandez, City Attorney
Raimundo Rodulfo, Information Technology
Grethel Salas, Information Technology